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JOHN M. GILLESPIE'S LAST RITES IN BOSTON

All Officers Re-elected to State Council

The Indiana State Drivers Council unanimously re-elected all current officers for the ensuing year, at its regular monthly meeting in Indianapolis, January 18, agreed to make the February meeting a two-day session, passed resolutions on the death of John M. Gillespie, as reported elsewhere in this edition; and listened to several talks.

These included one by Edna H. Schmidt, whose statement also is published in these pages.

Another speaker was Kenneth M. Hindley, of the Labor Research Statistical and Legislative Dept., IBTCW&H, Chicago.

Officers re-elected are:

Stephen Toth, President.
Charles Miller, vice-president.
C. B. Birdsong, secretary-treasurer.

O. B. Chambers, Recording secretary.
D. E. Mahoney, Trustee.

Terms of two other trustees, Michael C. Granat and Everett Wilkes were not up for election at this time.

Upon recommendation of President Toth, the Council voted to hold the next meeting over a period of two days, February 15 and 16, because of the great volume of important business to be conducted.

Consensus of the meeting was that all members of the Council should make special effort to attend the February session. Among important business will be reports of several committees—on Budget, By-laws, Open Road Construction,

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Lake County CLU Helps Keep Plant

GARY — The Lake County Central Labor Union won a victory when the city council passed an ordinance re-zoning a small section of Gary near the Reynolds Metals Co.

Gale Murrin, president, addressed the city fathers. He was seconded by Michael Sawochka, Teamsters business representative, who worked long and hard in the months of preliminary work.

Speaking for residents of the district, Eli Kesseric, bailiff of Lake county criminal court, told the council that the area should "be kept as a residential section of the city." He charged expansion of the Reynolds Company would result in a slums.

Because the company has been very favorable to labor, Murrin, Sawochka and others pitched in to help them with their expansion plans. In the new addition, the Reynolds Company will manufacture motion picture film.

"Why sit back and permit a company to move from Gary," said Sawochka, "when we're putting on a drive to bring new industry here?"



JOHN M. GILLESPIE

Hess Committee Tells Program To Beat Public Labor-Haters

The Indiana State Federation of Labor, in midwinter conference at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, January 14 to 17, installed Alton P. (Pat) Hess as second vice-president, passed a number of important resolutions, heard one of the most remarkable speeches ever made in Indiana by a Republican candidate for high office, designated Indianapolis as the location for its next convention, and wound up by adopting the program of its Planning Committee, headed by Mr. Hess.

The remarkable speech was delivered at the annual dinner, January 16, by Congressman Charles W. LaFollette in his bid for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

Mr. LaFollette is a friend of labor. He has proved it in every vote in the House of Representatives, and the fact was attested in a rising vote by all delegates to the state conference from his home town of Evansville and its vicinity.

Attacking labor-haters in both the North and South, he declared that "a Southern liberal is the most far-sighted person in the world. He can see

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CITY FREIGHT PAY RAISED BY WILKES

MICHIGAN CITY — A contract between Teamsters Local 298 and City Freight, involving some 20 employees in LaPorte County, has been agreed upon. Pete Wilkes, business representative of the union, has announced.

The contract includes many big changes, among them being an 18 cents an hour increase, time and a half clause and two weeks vacation for five years of service.

"This is the same agreement in force and effect as that of South Bend," said Mr. Wilkes. "We reached it with the help of Walter Biggs, business agent of South Bend's 364.

STAR CHAMBER LEGISLATION

Acting on information from International President Daniel J. Tobin, that efforts were being made to railroad the Case Bill (HR-5262) through Congress without a hearing and without giving Labor a chance to be heard, four Joint Councils of Teamsters and affiliated unions, representing 25,000 members in Indiana have sent telegrams of protest to Senators Willis and Caphart and 11 members of the Lower House from this State.

This proposed law, introduced by Congressman Case of South Dakota, would make unions liable for damages in case of contract violation, with forfeiture of all bargaining rights as penalty. It re-establishes the dangerous definition of conspiracy, making union members liable to prosecution for seeking to enforce their rights. It nullifies the Norris-LaGuardia Act and re-establishes government by court injunction. It also creates mediation boards with board powers over union affairs.

President Tobin declared that, "unless this measure (which has since passed the House and now goes to the Senate) is defeated Labor will be set back a generation and will lose most of its rights won under the Roosevelt Administration."

Beloved General Secretary Mourned By All Teamsters Of Union He Helped Create

In behalf of all Union Teamsters of Indiana, the Indiana State Drivers Council passed resolutions of sympathy on January 18 on the death of John M. Gillespie, general secretary and treasurer of the International Brotherhood.

At the same time Joint Council No. 69 delegated its President, Michael C. Granat, and Secretary-Treasurer, Emmett J. Williams, to attend the funeral in Boston.

The funeral, held January 22, from the Cathedral Catholic Church in Boston, was attended also by Thomas E. Flynn, of Indianapolis, assistant to the general president, and by members of the executive board of the IBTCW&H and other sympathizers from all the States of America.

Preceding the funeral the body of Mr. Gillespie was laid in state at the Finn Funeral Home in Indianapolis, and later the Crosby Funeral Home in Boston.

Mr. Gillespie, who had lived at 3060 North Meridian St., Indianapolis, died January 17, aged 66, after a long illness, in St. Vincent's Hospital.

KROGER GRANTS FIRST CHECK-OFF TO LOCAL 233

Teamsters Union, Local 233, has signed contracts with the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co. and the Kibler Trucking Co., contracting carrier for the A&P Tea Co., affecting 48 drivers and 40 warehouse workers.

The new contract, for two years, retroactive to November 1, 1945, gives increases of 6½ cents an hour and two weeks' vacation after five years.

All employees receive 2½ cents an hour additional increase after November 1, 1946.

This is the first contract, so far as known, in which Kroger has agreed to grant the check-off.

Wadley Organized

In cooperation with Teamsters Local 188, Local 233 has organized all 80 employees of the Wadley Co., dealers in poultry and eggs, and obtained certification from the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. Gillespie had served the Teamsters' organization for almost half a century and had earned a reputation for square dealing and intelligent leadership throughout the trade union movement.

Teamster President Daniel J. Tobin, shocked at the passing of his close friend and associate, declared that Mr. Gillespie's efforts had helped to build the Teamsters Union into one of the most powerful organizations in the nation.

"He was one of the best-liked men I ever knew," said Mr. Tobin. "We started out together as business agents for the same local union in Boston, and when I became president of the International, I brought him along with me as my assistant.

"He was an able negotiator and a faithful union official. He was always so friendly and genial that even when the other fellow got the worst of the argument he didn't bear any unkind feelings toward 'Gil.' I have never heard anyone say an unkind word about him."

This tribute from Mr. Tobin

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South Bend Teamsters Join Campaign To End Milk Trust's Misrepresentation

How the milk industries of South Bend and Mishawaka were stopped in cheating their customers by city officials, with the cooperation of Teamsters Union No. 364, headed by Wal-

REPORT BY LESTER M. HUNT

A strike of employers in the milk industry of South Bend and Mishawaka, was averted last month by the refusal of the public officials of the two cities to submit to coercion.

The milk industry had been caught selling ungraded, uninspected milk under fraudulent labels indicating that it was Grade A Milk.

It was caught red handed by an alert city health department and a vigorous city administration in South Bend.

Evidence indicating wholesale and flagrant violation of the city health laws was obtained by Inspector "Buck" Tansey. Tansey reported the evidence to Dr. F. R. Nicholas Carter, city health officer.

ter E. Biggs, is explained in the current *International Teamster* and repeated herewith because of its special importance to all communities of Indiana having non-union milk.

Dr. Carter, in turn, reported to Mayor F. Kenneth Dempsey. Mayor Dempsey then organized a police raid on the dairies. At the same hour of day police officers entered every dairy in South Bend and caught the dairies with huge quantities of ungraded, uninspected milk from unknown sources which was being bottled and sold to the unsuspecting customers in bottles whose caps proclaimed it to be Grade A milk.

The following day the dairies issued an ultimatum to the mayor, stating that unless they were given immediate permission to sell cheap and possibly polluted milk under Grade A labels, they would shut down the entire industry in 72

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All Indiana Teamsters Mourn Passing of John M. Gillespie

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was echoed by many of the leading officers of the American Federation of Labor gathered in Miami for the AFL Executive Council meeting.

AFL President Wm. Green, who had come into frequent contact with Mr. Gillespie at conventions and council meetings, declared that the labor movement as a whole, besides the Teamsters Union, would mourn his loss.

At the turn of the century, Mr. Gillespie was employed as the driver of a horse team in Boston. He joined the Teamsters local immediately and became active in its affairs. A tall, strapping young man with a persuasive manner and a gift for leadership, he impressed his fellow workers to such an ex-

tent that they chose him as one of the union's business agents.

In those days, budding unions encountered rough sailing and vicious opposition, but Mr. Gillespie soon demonstrated he could hold up his own end against any company.

His talents and abilities were so marked that the union soon put him to work as an international organizer, in which field he served with distinction.

Then, for 10 years, Mr. Gillespie held the office of assistant president of the Teamsters Union, after which he was elected secretary-treasurer, the position he held for three years until his death.

His body was shipped to Boston for burial and hundreds of his friends and fellow union leaders of the old home town turned out for the funeral.

THE RESOLUTION

To The Honorable Daniel J. Tobin, President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters,
Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America AFL,
222 E. Michigan Street,
Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby respectfully requested by the delegates of the Indiana State Drivers Council and its affiliated locals of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, AFL, to convey to the family of John M. Gillespie and to our International Executive Board our deepest sorrow at his recent passing. His death is a great loss to all our Locals and is particularly a personal loss to our Indiana Locals as we had the opportunity to be more intimately acquainted and to work more closely and personally with him. His brilliant leadership combined with his great character and warm personal interest inspired us all. The memory of his great record and wonderful personality will aid us in going ahead towards greater achievements and will in small part help ease the shock and sorrow of his death. The Indiana State Drivers Council joins you, President Tobin, and our National Executive Board, in sacred memory of this truly great man. We know President Tobin, that your warm and friendly relationship, as intimate as it was means that this is a great personal loss to you. In our way, President Tobin, we, too share this loss as personal. We know our National Executive Board is truly shocked and saddened. We know that "Gil" would want us to carry on the good fight—and in this, President Tobin, you have the 100% assurance of the Indiana State Drivers Council, that we will not let you and "Gil" down, and our late Secretary-Treasurer would wish it—WE WILL CARRY ON IN THE BEST TRADITION. For the moment, stunned by this sad news, we stand encouraged by his memory and ever grateful for the privilege of knowing and working with such an inspired, brilliant and human GREAT LABOR LEADER.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed) O. B. CHAMBERS,
Indiana State Drivers Council
Recording Secretary.

All various Teamsters Locals of the State of Indiana.

UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

Tragedy struck twice at 188 this month. We buried Brother Norman Herder on Monday, January 21. Dutch, as he was known to his many, many friends, had been in ill health for a long time. He was a life resident of Indianapolis, and had worked as a sales driver for Continental Baking Co. for 21 years. Dutch was a grand guy—always ready to help brother members. We are going to miss him greatly!

We have a brother in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, who lost his right leg in an accident at the Indiana Condensed Milk Co. at Sheridan. Brother Eidson has been in the hospital for a month now, and is getting along better than we expected. This man needs financial help. He had some real tough luck. Before losing his leg, he almost lost one of his children in a serious illness. We are appealing to all members of Local 188 to give generously.

President Davis called for an election for two additional stewards at Capitol Dairies. There are four stewards at Capitol now—Al Gough, retail drivers; Logan Kinnett, wholesale drivers; Ghalmor Justus and Paul Dillon, inside workers.

Notice to all members of Local 188, and of all brother locals in Indianapolis. Buy milk from a union milk man. There are but two milk companies on the organized labor list—Capitol Dairies and Kroger Dairy. If you brothers think this is too much to ask of you, tell it to me personally!

Help! Help! Help! Home Made Pie Co. is unfair. They are the only major pie company in the city not members of the union. So, boys we will appreciate all the help you can give us. We have started a boycott throughout the city. Let's get 'em organized. They're loose and not doing our fellow members in the pie industry any good.

In case the "International Teamster" fails to get this in print soon we will take up the space in this column to make sure it does get to you. (Ed's note: See preliminary report elsewhere in this edition.)

Blind Federation Welcomes Aid of Organized Labor

By EDNA H. SCHMIDT

Public Relations Representative
National Federation of the Blind

During the past three and a half years I have been addressing unions on behalf of the National Federation of the Blind, and I have come to realize that there is an underlying community of interest which exists between the national organization of the blind and the great American labor movement.

We blind have found, just as the workers have found, that the only way to solve our problems is through organization.

At present we have presented legislation to Congress which will improve the employment conditions and pensions for the blind. H. R. 2020 liberalizes Title X of the Social Security Act, giving the states the authority to determine the needs of their blind, and the Social Security Board must abide by the decision of the states. This bill would also permit a person to retain a reasonable portion of his earnings before deduction is made from his grant.

H. R. 2594 would provide for a seventy-five dollar monthly annuity; but when the income, that is, earnings together with pension, reaches one hundred dollars a month the pension would decrease accordingly.

H. R. 3067 and S. 987 would provide for equality in the civil service for our people. There are various types of work under the civil service which our people can do successfully. We feel they should be given an equal opportunity along with those who have their sight.

H. R. 3192 provides for a special division in the United States Employment Service. The USES is very close to industry. For this reason it would be beneficial for us to have a division in that service.

The American Federation of Labor and many of its constituent organizations have endorsed our work and agreed to support our legislative program.

It is our intention at all times to cooperate with organized labor. Our stationery, business cards and circulars bear the union seal. We intend at all times to support favorable labor legislation.

HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION.

THINGS I SEE AROUND 1-9-3

By BERNARD YOUNG

Not too bad weather around these parts for the last three or four weeks, compared to what the weather man handed us before the past holidays.

Last accounts, things seemed to be going along very well up around Hogan's, the Mayflower agent of this city. All the boys are working every day. Even Roy Wright was seen working, a day or two ago.

It's human nature for a man to kick about this and that. But there sure is plenty of kick about a certain Storage Co. Seems a certain company in this city is getting darn near as much work done as any other big company in this city, with HALF THE MEN to do it. And still seems the boss is not satisfied. Might develop into a shortage of men some day, when they are needed the worst kind of a way.

I asked a couple of stewards to make a note of their little news items, and turn in to me. Well, it seems I am still looking for the items to be turned in. Hey, you stewards, please give a helping hand!

All members better attend meetings pretty closely now for a while, for the contract is being written for the next year, and we want a lot of suggestions that will help make this the best contract ever.

That makes me think. There was a hundred per cent Shank Storage Co. men attendance at last meeting. I posted the meeting notice, along with help of Fred McGregor, on Thursday morning, January 10. And the attendance was darn weak; not even I was in Chicago.

Let's all get behind this request, that everyone tell the merchants to deliver your packages to your home after you shop with them. Let them discover it's about time there is an end to our patience, after so long a time. We want more JOBS created and at once. We want DAILY DELIVERY from the stores of this city. We want fresh milk delivered every day NOW. As things stand now these same merchants are getting by with a plain case of cutting our throats.

Biggs Cooperates With City Officials to End Milk Frauds

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hours and leave the city without milk.

A conference between Mayor Dempsey, Dr. Carter and the officials of the dairy industry followed. Mayor Dempsey invited the press to be present.

"I want the public to have all the facts," he declared.

The dairies were incensed at the presence of the newspapers reporters, but the mayor refused to make it a secret session. He also refused to issue the permit for the dairies to rob their customers and he backed Dr. Carter and Inspector Tansey to the limit.

Mayor Dempsey did, under the provisions of the health laws, declare that the dairies could sell the inferior milk temporarily during a milk shortage provided it was honestly labeled.

No Honest Labels?

The dairies countered that they had no labels.

"We'll fix that," the mayor said. "You can use plain labels but you must also carry advertisements in the newspapers announcing that with plain bottle caps is ungraded, uninspected and from unknown sources."

The milk operators were furious and left with renewed threats of a city-wide milk strike.

"I was afraid then," the mayor told *The International Teamster*, "that the dairies would pull their strike and try to blame it on the union. So I contacted President Walter E. Biggs of Teamsters Local No. 364.

"I told him the facts and the

Teamsters backed me to the limit."

As the people obtained the facts, they rallied to the support of Mayor Dempsey and Dr. Carter. In the face of public hostility the dairies backed down on their strike threat.

And as the city officials stood firm in their demand that the public be advised of what a plain cap on a milk bottle meant, they even accepted the mayor's ultimatum that an advertisement three columns wide and six inches deep be run in the daily papers explaining that milk in plain capped bottles was uninspected, ungraded and from unknown sources.

They were then given a permit to sell such milk until January 15 but the mayor insisted that the advertisement be run twice a week until that time.

On January 15, the permit was extended for some dairies still faced with a shortage of Grade A milk. But the ad continued to run, signed by the dairies that were still selling the inferior milk.

Same in Mishawaka

The conditions in South Bend were identical in Mishawaka. The two cities have the same milk ordinances, providing for inspection from the farm to the consumer. And the officials of Mishawaka stood by those of the large industrial city of South Bend.

Not only did the industry threaten a strike that would have left both cities without milk, but they threatened to continue it until Dr. Carter's authority was reduced and Inspector Tansey fired.

Inspector Tansey had discovered that in four days, one dairy had ac-

cepted 64,000 pounds of the inferior milk. The milk industry demanded that he be removed because he was "uncooperative." He wouldn't cooperate in fleecing the public and exposing children to the dangers of contaminated milk.

One of the men most bitter against Inspector Tansey was found to have a tubercular cow in his herd.

Needless to say Dr. Carter and Inspector Tansey did not suffer. Instead they were commended by the mayor and the public.

And the aroused citizens of South Bend and the adjoining city of Mishawaka backed their officials with such vigor that the Milk Council abandoned its threats.

As a result, ungraded milk is not being sold as Grade A at premium prices.

This is the Milk Industry

However, the incident shows the ruthlessness of the milk industry and the extent to which it will go when it believes it has the power.

It demanded the right to deceive its customers.

It is exercising that right in most other cities of the country by its advertising that milk delivered every other day is just as fresh as milk delivered every morning. As a matter of truth, it is five or six days old when it is consumed.

Yet the milk industry, to retain the huge profits it derived from wartime delivery restrictions, is now continuing the every-other-day delivery and telling its customers it is for their benefit.

The milk industry in South Bend

and Mishawaka is doing the same thing. How much reliance the people of those cities can place on the word of the dairies was illustrated when the dairies handed them ungraded, uninspected milk and told them it was Grade A.

Under the provisions of the city ordinances of South Bend and its small neighbor, the sale of only Grade A milk is permitted.

In case of a shortage of Grade A milk, the industry may obtain a temporary permit to sell ungraded milk provided it is properly labeled so that the customer knows what he is getting.

But before this permit may be granted, the industry must apply for a permit and submit evidence that Grade A milk is unavailable in sufficient quantity to supply the public.

The Milk Council of South Bend paid no attention to the law. It smuggled ungraded, uninspected milk into its plants and sold it at premium prices under false labels.

And when it was caught, it threatened to go on strike!

The attitude of the dairies of South Bend has been anti-union for many years. They have shown the same contemptuous attitude toward the rights of their employees as they have for the rights of their customers.

The milk industry in most cities is no more sympathetic than it is in South Bend. The degree to which it respects the law depends on the degree to which it is enforced.

In cities with mayors like F. Kenneth Dempsey and health offi-

cers like Dr. F. R. Nicholas Carter, the milk industry obeys the laws. It has to. It can't influence such officials and it can't intimidate them.

It is probable that in many cities with lax ordinances and lax enforcement officials similar frauds are perpetrated on the public as the Milk Council of South Bend attempted.

OK When Unionized

The record shows that cities where the milk industry is highly unionized give better service to their customers. The unions support adequate health ordinances and they will not tolerate practices that jeopardize the public health, as the sale of uninspected milk did in South Bend.

Indiana has only four full time health departments in its cities. That may be one reason why the state is in the danger belt for undulant fever, transmitted in milk from infected cows. And may also be one reason why the state has one of the highest death rates in the nation.

The story of what the milk industry did to the people of South Bend and Mishawaka should be told to the people of every other city where the milk industry is deceiving the public with its every-other-day delivery advertising.

The milk industry is no charitable institution. It is no protector of the public health. It is just another industrial organization seeking all the profits it can get and keeping the quality of its product only as high as necessity compels.

ALL DRIVERS COUNCIL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Local 135 Vets Return to Jobs

Members of Teamsters' Local 135, Indianapolis, who went to war and are now coming back to their jobs and to active membership in the Union include the following:

Hubert Burnett, served in Chemical service in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Harry F. McCarty, served in air corps as radio mechanic, attached to the 489th Bomber Group in England.

Charles Clendenen, served in 34th AAA Group in England, France and Germany.

Wayne T. Morris, served in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon; awarded Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, with three stars and bronze service arrowhead; American theater ribbon, American service medal, Philippine liberation ribbon, with bronze star, and good conduct ribbon.

Thomas G. Klein, served 4th Infantry in Alaska and Aleutians 22 months.

Paul E. Morgan, served in navy two years in South Pacific, at Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, Saragossa Straits and Bougainville.

Emanuel Garl, served in the navy on Cruiser Augusta; was at Toulon and Marseilles.

Delbert McCoy, served 18 months in Europe under Patton, in Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland.

CLU RE-ELECTS TWO TEAMSTERS

GARY—Nine candidates who were unopposed for re-election January 23 to office in the Lake County Central Labor Union included Stephen Toth of Teamsters Union No. 520, East Chicago, for reading clerk, and Harry D. Cole of Teamsters Union No. 362, Hammond, for trustee.

Death Benefits For 193 Members

A plan of providing death benefits for Teamsters employed by the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. in Indianapolis has been devised by Clayton Sparks of Teamsters Union No. 193 and consists of a pool participated in by all surviving members who join the plan.

By agreement with the company, the company deducts \$5 from the pay of each employee who joins the plan, in event of member's death and gives the fund to the deceased driver's widow and children.

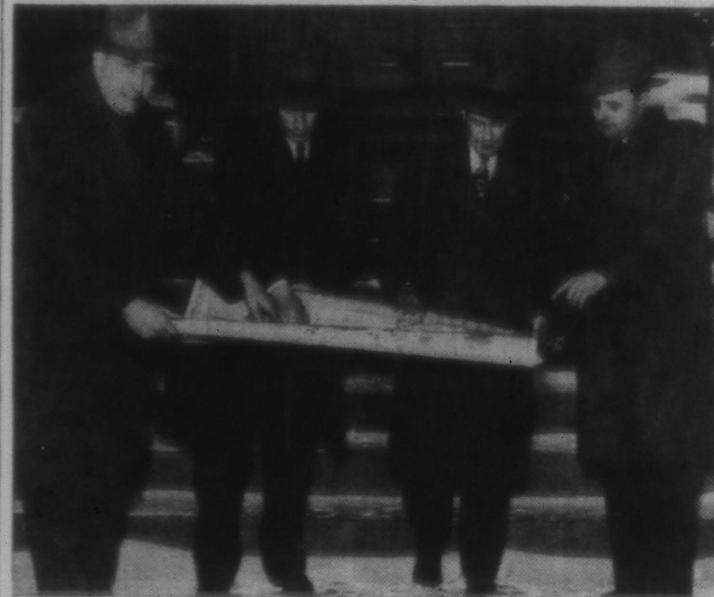
According to Charles Eskew, steward at the plant, "This plan has been highly praised by Company and Union officials and makes a secure livelihood for drivers' families until they can adjust themselves and make their own way once more."

Watch it! The roads are very slippery, and we will have a lot of that for the balance of the winter. Let's every one take all precautions to prevent accidents. It may mean saving a life, being a little bit careful these days.

UNFAIR

The Home-Made Pie Co. and Its Employes
DO NOT PATRONIZE

Clothing Collection Planned



Preliminary plans for the current Victory Clothing Collection in Marion County and its vicinity were made at the headquarters of Teamsters Joint Council 69, 28 West North St., by: (L to R) Emmet J. Williams and Leo J. Bauer, representing the Joint Council; Fenton W. Ackley, of Scott Trucking Co., chairman of the Indianapolis committee of the Indiana Motor Truck Assn., and James E. Nicholas, secretary of the association. As in past public collections the truckers donated their trucks to aid people of Indiana send garments to the freezing war victims of World War II, and the Teamsters supplied the manpower.

Teamster leaders who cooperated not shown in this picture were Michael C. Granat, C. E. Davis and James E. Deets.

Knox Driver Dies In Truck Accident

PERU—Charles Latta, 36, R. R. 1, Knox, driver for the Pasquale Trucking Company of Logansport was fatally injured at 5 p. m. Monday, when his truck crashed into a tree at the southwest corner of Main and Chestnut Streets.

Latta died about ten minutes after the crash, but it was not until two hours later that rescuers were able to release the truck from the tree and extricate his body from the wrecked cab.

Before hitting the tree, Latta's truck had sideswiped a yellow taxi, injuring the driver, Cecil Trexler, and had clipped a utility pole. Trexler suffered a minor injury to his knee and the taxi was damaged to the extent of about \$150.

Latta, a member of Teamsters Union No. 759, was enroute to Logansport with a truck load of beer and was said to have been driving at about 35 miles an hour. At Walnut Street he tried to pass the taxi which also was headed west.

In attempting to swing around the taxi Latta lost control of the truck which swerved to the south side of the street and remained out of control for a block, when it crashed into the tree.

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Delegates Hear K. M. Hindley Discuss Returning GI Problem

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Newspaper and the Area Committee.

Pat Hess announced the forthcoming publication of a new labor newspaper for Indiana by the State Federation of Labor, in which he was installed as second vice-president earlier in the week.

HINDLEY'S TALK

Mr. Hindley referred to the creation of the new National Wage Stabilization Board, by President Truman in terminating the National War Labor Board, and advised the Teamsters' leaders not to utilize the new board, at this time.

"It would be wise to remain away from this Stabilization Board, at least until wage standards for the country in general are better established," he said.

Speaking of GI re-employment, under the Bill of Rights, Mr. Hindley expressed belief that the subject will be no serious problem after three or four more months have elapsed.

"Returning service people are adjusting themselves to their

former jobs in general with few difficulties," he said. "The problem is not giving us great concern, considering the multitude of returning GIs who are being absorbed by industry."

In event a returning soldier obtaining a job in a closed shop would refuse to join the union, said Mr. Hindley, the action to be taken would devolve not so much on the union as upon the employer. The employer is under contract with the union to employ only union members and it would be up to him to make good on the contract.

Earlier in the day Mr. Hindley addressed Joint Council 69. To both bodies he explained that the Chicago office, to which he is attached, is located at 10 North Clark St., suite 1600, and is open for service to all Teamster leaders.

IN THE KNOW WITH KOKOMO

By O. B. CHAMBERS

The next general meeting of Local Union 759 will be held Feb. 2, 512 East Sycamore St., Kokomo at the Labor Temple.

News Notes From 543, LaFayette

By S. W. HELTON

Glen Rabanus returned from the service shortly after Christmas. Glen saw a lot of action in Germany, but he looks fine and is feeling the same. Perhaps we will all be seeing a lot of Glen in the future.

Our last regular meeting at LaFayette, on Sunday, January 20, was well attended. We believe everybody was glad they came, and if this attendance increases, we are going to get somewhere.

The Russell Davis drivers, with almost 100 per cent, had the largest delegation present.

Next meeting will be Sunday, February 17, at 2:30 p. m. at the Labor Temple, Fourth and Columbia Sts.

Construction of the new R. R. Donnelley building at Crawfordsville has started, with prospects of work for about a year.

Otis Sense has become a gas stove "fixer upper." We don't suppose he could do any work for you because he is almost, but not quite, too busy now to attend meetings.

Our Ingram-Richardson drivers at Frankfort are not working, because of the CIO steel strike at their plant.

Joe Williams Says: FACE THE RIGHT WAY

Don't hunt for Trouble;
You'll find what you look for—
Don't look for Distress;
If you see your shadow
Remember, I pray,
That the sun is still shining
But you're in the way.

Don't grumble, don't bluster!
Don't think of your worries, but
Think of your work;
The worries will vanish—
Work will be done;
No man sees his shadow
Who faces the sun.

A contract with the coal operators has been agreed upon and passed by the coal drivers. This calls for an increase of 14 per cent and retroactive pay to January 1 and is ready to be signed by the Union and the operators.

The City Cartage contract is still in dispute but it is hoped by the time this column comes to press it will be settled, on the same basis as the coal contract. We are still in negotiations regarding it. It is agreed between the operators and Union that any increase will be retroactive to January 15.

Local Union 759 is now in the process of organizing the first cab line in the city of Kokomo which is the Safety Cab Co. operated by Fred Bolinger.

We wish at this time to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Chas. Latta who was killed in a truck accident at Peru, Indiana.

The party held by Local 759, January 5, proved to be a huge success and was well attended by members from all over the jurisdiction. Logansport, Wabash and Peru were well represented and senators Righi and Thompson enjoyed themselves very much.

Bro. Chas. Shanks is back from service after having been in Manila for some time. Other members back include Albert Gaines, Jr., Edwin Cassidy, John French, Tom Bolar, Marvin Halliday, Dwight Graham and Delbert Antrim.

Members of Local Union 759 express their deepest sympathy to the family of Denny Goldsberry who was a member and was working at Courier-Express in Logansport.

Plans are being made to call a meeting of all dump truck operators in the jurisdiction for some time the first part of February in order to arrange a construction program to take care of these people. They will be notified from this office by card when the meeting will be held, and all are urged to attend.

STATE FEDERATION PLANS TO 'ELECT FRIENDS'

Meeting Told Labor's Rights By LaFollette

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all the misery and anti-democratic practices in the Balkans, but none in Alabama. The only thing worse is a Northern conservative. He can't see them anywhere."

He declared that, "Unless the Republicans become the progressive party in America there will be no party capable of carrying out a progressive platform," and added:

"It is incredible that with a 300 billion dollar debt staring us in the face people who own things don't understand that the only way to carry that debt is with purchasing power in the hands of the masses and prices that give fair return but not exorbitant profit.

"People who measure their economic situation by their ability to hire a maid for \$10 a week aren't even good conservatives.

"And what's the difference," he demanded, "between a manufacturer who refuses to sell his product for ten dollars and a laborer who refuses to work for sixty cents an hour? When the laboring man strikes he goes on the street, where everybody can see him. When the manufacturer strikes he goes to Florida, where nobody can see him."



Alton P. (Pat) Hess, head of the Brotherhood of Teamsters in Fort Wayne, is shown (right) being installed as 2d vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, to which he was elected last June. Ceremony was performed by Hugh J. Gormley, of the AFL in Indiana, in connection with the Federation's mid-winter conference at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. Other officers re-elected without contest included (L to R) Carl H. Mullen, president; Stanley J. Elliott, 3d vice-president; Marion; John E. O'Donnell, 5th vice-president, Hammond; Mary L. Garber, 1st vice-president, South Bend, and John Acker, secretary-treasurer.

NEWS AND COMMENTS FROM LOCAL NO. 369

By D. E. MAHONEY

Brothers Bud Warnock and James F. Reed are back working for the McClain Dray Lines out of Marion, after serving several months in the armed forces.

The Harwood Trucking Co. of Gas City would like to hire more tractors, if any one has one to hire.

Brother Dale Small of the Harwood Trucking Co. was seriously injured on December 13 near Spencer, Ind. in a truck accident. He is confined to the hospital in Linton.

Brothers Paul Miles and Paul Gardner have returned to work at the Commercial Motor Freight in Marion, after having spent several months with Uncle Sam.

The Teamsters have organized the inside workers and drivers at the COLONIAL BAKERY in Muncie and have turned the inside workers over to their Local in Indianapolis. Negotiations are in progress for agreement covering the driver-salesmen and should be completed at the next meeting.

Brothers Earl Christman, Leon Lake, Lora Monroe, Harry Wagner, Delbert Gibson, Homer Roser, Lawrence C. Wright and Harold Reining have returned from the service and are back working for their former employers.

THE MID-WEST TOWEL CO. of Muncie is now 100 per cent organized.

Brother William O'Rourke has been inducted in the U. S. Army.

We welcome back Brothers Donald Eastman, Omar Hargis, Eddie Highland, and Oscar Cramer, who have returned to the Omar Bakery after having spent several months in the service.

Negotiations are still in progress on agreement with the Beatrice Creamery.

Omar driver-salesmen have their regular meeting the last Wednesday night of the month at the Muncie Labor Temple.

The next regular meeting of this Local Union will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Labor Temple in Marion.

Hess Outlines Planning Committee's Program

(Excerpts from address made by Pat Hess at mid-winter conference of the State Federation of Labor.)

"Both the Democrats and Republicans are organizing for the 1946 campaign. You may have noticed that their activities are the same as in past years. Each party is going to attempt to have a winning candidate for each office on their respective tickets.

"Laboring people should know what that means. It means that if they think a candidate can get more votes than his opponent, he is the right candidate for the office so far as the party is concerned.

"Now is the time for the labor movement in each county to take an active part in the selection of candidates for both parties. It would be well if a committee of Republicans and Democrats be set up in each county, so that the committees could contact their county chairmen and find out who is being slated. Then, if a candidate unfriendly to organized labor is being considered, the committee can register its objections.

"There is no doubt that the county chairmen would welcome Labor's opinion. You will remember, in the past Labor has attempted to live up to its motto, **Elect our friends and defeat our enemies**. The reason our success has not been so great as it should have been, is partly our own fault. When the two parties have their slates made up, invariably we find some candidates on both sides who are objectionable to Labor and this causes Labor then to do as it has in the past—try to defeat those who are not our friends.

"Labor asks only for consideration that is rightly due Labor. The committee should inform the county chairman that any labor-hater whose ambition is to hog-tie Labor or promote anti-labor feeling in his community, state or nation, who runs for office on either party ticket, shall be deemed our enemy and that Labor will do all in its power to defeat him in this plan.

5. That the officers of the State Federation of Labor shall supply all the data necessary to keep the various Central Labor groups informed of all records.

No Labor-Haters on Ticket

"The county chairman knows that the labor movement is made up of both Republicans and Democrats, and it will not be amiss to inform him that if his party expects our members to follow their party lines closely, it will be up to the party to give to the members of organized labor a ticket made up of candidates who are not anti-labor and are devoid of labor-hating principles.

"The county chairman does not know all the people in his county or cities that are unfriendly to our local labor movement, so it would only be fair to him to state who is favorable or who is unfavorable when you are called upon to do so.

"It would be well to make

Planning Committee Has Five-Point Program

The planning Committee, appointed by Carl H. Mullen, president, includes: Alton P. Hess, chairman; Gale Murrin, secretary pro tem; John Acker, secretary; Mabel Lutherbeck, Lota Wyman, Harry F. Burgess, Clyde McCormick, Henry Thompson, Norman Bourne and John Soucie.

Chairman Hess stated that the Committee set forth the following plan, which was adopted:

1. That in all localities throughout the state of Indiana a bi-partisan committee shall be set up by the Central Labor Unions.

2. All Central Labor Unions in a given congressional district combine and work together as a unit.

3. It is suggested that each Central Labor Union select a bi-partisan committee capable of investigating all candidates and be in a position to make known to the membership their findings.

4. It is suggested by the Planning Committee that the Central Labor Unions invite their local unions to actively participate with them in this plan.

5. That the officers of the State Federation of Labor shall supply all the data necessary to keep the various Central Labor groups informed of all records.

417 MEETING DATES

Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p. m., Vincennes. Last Sunday of each month, 10:00 a. m., Vincennes. First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m., Flora, Ill. First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m., Washington, Ind.

VINCENNES LOCAL 417 REPORTING

By CHARLES MILLER

We are very glad to report that the following members have been discharged from the armed forces and have taken up active membership with the Union. Cecil Robbins, Loren Dillon, Frank Umfleet, Ray Powers, Harold Blubaum, Clifford Goodman, James Maxwell, John McBride, James Turner, Walter Broady, Joe Hopper, Leon Howenstein, Darwin Wilder, Glee Fender, Doyle Padgett, Hubert Fagens, Marlin Beaman, James Carrie, Thomas Bailey, Eugene Wood, and John Yates. We thank these men for a job well done.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Brother J. M. Gillespie, also to the members of the International Executive Board.

We have started negotiations with the Tip Top Creamery Co. for an increase in wages and improved working conditions.

Just about all of our over-the-road operators have started paying the new rates, and will pay the retroactive pay as soon as the new contracts are printed and signed.

Glad to hear that Brother Webber of Tip Top Company Creamery has been promoted to a supervisor position—Good luck, Webber!

We wish to congratulate Mr. Klien, manager of Osborne Trucking Co., for building the finest truck terminal in Vincennes.

We are wondering why Brothers Marlin Beaman and Jack Johnson were walking around asleep the morning of January 12. It happened to be Brother McRae's day off.

I suggest that all our members congratulate the employees of W. P. Squibb Distillery, as they are now members of the Distillery Workers, A. F. of L.

I believe that one of our Brothers who drives for Osborne Trucking, would sleep much better if he would put his cigarette out before going to bed.

Let's all encourage the employees of Suttle Equipment Co. at Lawrenceville, Ill., as they are out on strike and need your support.

We are making arrangements to hold one meeting in Lawrenceville each month for our gasoline drivers.

The Guy Who Drives a Truck

By PFC. CHARLES D. SHANKS
(Of Teamsters Local 759, Kokomo, now with the Fifth Repair Depot, Manila)

Let's all lift our glasses
And toast a bunch of guys
Who do for us a greater work
That many realize!

Each one's the captain of a ship
That sails not seas, but roads—
A ship that touches inland ports,
Piled high with precious loads.

The food we eat, the clothes we wear,
The vital war machine,
The steel that builds our men-of-war,
And precious gasoline.

A thousand kinds of urgent loads,
All needed by our nation,
Depend upon this inland ship
For speedy transportation.

Fragile goods and priceless goods,
Whose transit must be speeded,
Rely upon him who's got the goods
To get them where they're needed!

So here's a heartfelt toast to him
And with it, lots of luck—
The captain of our inland seas—
The guy who drives the truck.